This is the final Newsletter for Term Two!
As I reflect back on the School’s achievements this term I am amazed at the distance travelled. The first Semester has seen a huge amount of effort put into the school by Staff, Students and Community Members to get us where we are now. I would like to THANK everyone who has contributed to this success!

School Leadership
It is with great pleasure that I announce Melinda Wessling has been appointed to the position of Head of Department (HOD) here at Theodore State School in a permanent capacity. Congratulations Melinda!!

Athletics Carnival
Our 2014 Athletics Carnival was held over 1 ½ days on 12 and 13 June. The carnival ran well and we had a large number of students participate. It was also great to see the support received from our parents/carers and wider community members.
I was impressed with the sportsmanship displayed by our students and the fact that many students had a go at most events. These carnivals are about participation and enjoyment with our school community doing both.
It was unfortunate that we ran out of time on the Thursday to run the 800m race and on the Friday were unable to announce the Age Champions and Winning House due to running over time again. We are aware that this caused frustration with some families who travelled into town or took time off work and have taken the learnings from this carnival to inform our planning for future carnivals to ensure we deliver the programmed events when advertised.

Report Cards
Semester One Report Cards will be mailed home to families later this week. This Report Card includes all work completed for the whole of the Semester. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with their child’s teacher to discuss any parts of the Report Card they don’t understand. Parent/ Teacher Interviews will be held in Weeks 2 and 3 next Term. Please contact the Office to make an appointment.

Teaching and Learning Audit
Our school had its Teaching and Learning Audit last week. The feedback received from the Auditor, Mr Ian Hall, was extremely positive. The school has shown a huge improvement in the Audit domains.
Mr Hall spoke to all teaching staff and a range of students from across the school. He reported a very calm feel in the school and congratulated the school on the achievements made in the first five months of this year.

We are waiting for the full report including the Commendations, Affirmations and Recommendations which will inform future planning.

**Junior Secondary**
I will be attending the Junior Secondary Pedagogy Training in Rockhampton this week with Alex Hodgson and Carlie Atkins. This three day training is being rolled out by Central Office as a train the trainer package. **All staff will undertake this training next Term.**

We are in the process of finalising the timetable for next Term where Year 6/7 students will commence transitioning to Junior Secondary. These students will be taken by Secondary teachers for English and Technology. They will also take part in our **Choice Curriculum**, where they choose from a variety of exciting options to study for the Term.

**School Holidays**
Queensland School Holidays commence this weekend with the last day of Term 2 being Friday 27 June. **School resumes on Monday 14 June.**

I would like to wish the School community an enjoyable and safe holiday. I look forward to working with you again next Term.

**PRINCIPAL**
Steve Conner

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**Athletics Carnival**
Our annual Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday and Friday 12-13th of June. The 2014 winning house was **Castle** on 1569 points and Dawson not far behind, scoring 1271 points. Well done to all students who participated on the day.

**2014 Age Champions**

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Dawson Valley

Track & Field 2014

Last Friday Theodore State School students competed in the annual Dawson Valley Track & Field Carnival held at Banana State School. Following on from our own Track & Field Carnival, our top athletes were selected to represent Theodore State School against the other schools in our Dawson Valley Primary School Sports Cluster. These schools included Banana, Bauhinia, Baralaba, Moura and Woorabinda.

The day comprised of over 120 athletes competing in all primary school track and field events including 100M, 200M 800M, Shot Put, Discus, High Jump and Long Jump. Over the course of the day students displayed competitiveness, sportsmanship and a determination to succeed and triumph. There were many exemplary individual performances throughout the day which resulted in the following successes for Theodore State School athletes:

Rhett Austin – 1st 100M & 1st Long Jump  
Patrick Mahony – 3rd High Jump & 3rd Long Jump  
Joyvn Johnston – 1st Shot Put & 3rd Discus  
Payden Norris – 1st – 100, 1st – 200 & 1st – 800  
Chris Mahony – 1st High Jump, 2nd 800 & 3rd Long Jump  
Shona Beezley – 2nd Shot Put  
Teeonie Fordriga – 1st 800, 2nd Long Jump 3rd, 100 & 3rd 200

Keaton Long – 1st Shot Put & 1st Discus  
Garret Hill – 1st Discus  
Jack Williams – 2nd Shot Put  
Nikson Hill – 1st Shot Put & 2nd Discus  
Piper Christensen – 3rd 800  
Zoe Norris – 1st High Jump  
Carly Clifton – 2nd High Jump  
Keeley Monaghan – 2nd Discus

I would also like to make special mention of two students; Payden Norris and Teeonie Fordriga who performed at an absolutely outstanding level and who were lucky enough to win the Dawson Valley Track & Field Age Champion Award in their respective age groups at the carnival.

If you see any of the above mentioned students around the school or the community please take the time to stop and congratulate them on their amazing achievements for Theodore State School.

Mr Alex Hodgson
FREE DRESS DAY!

Free Dress Day on the last day of term (Friday 27th 2014). Support student council by bringing a gold coin donation and wearing sun safe free dress.
Theodore State School P&C
State of Origin
CALCUTTA

Hotel Theodore
7pm
Come along, enjoy the atmosphere
And support your team and the P&C!
Winner takes half the prize pool!

Game 3
Wed 09 July 2014
Bush Hungi and Quiz night

5pm Sat, June 28th 2014

Cost
$25 per family

RSVP to
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Katy Kucks 4393 1159
0428 974 157
Kathi barr1@bigpond.com
Kathy and Barry Kucks 4997 4125

By 25th June

Who can come– anyone, all ages welcome, this is a family camp. Children under high school age to be accompanied by an adult.

What to Bring– folding chair, plate, mug, cutlery.

Who we are– this night is part of our ‘bush camp’ and is run by the Biloela Lutheran Parish.

How to get there– from Theodore - turn left into Moura (Nijan) Road, go approx 15km, then after passing Dawson South driveway (on right) drive straight ahead onto Burnside McClelland Road (gravel) and follow signs.

Why– A fun night of great bush food (slow cooked meat and veg in a hungi) followed by a quiz night, and campfire.
Suggested Newsletter Text

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 in 2013. The Early School Leavers survey is a brief, confidential survey that provides a picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers in the year after they left school to understand why young people leave school early and to help early school leavers make positive career choices.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Early School Leavers survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.
YOUTH TO BRING SKATE PARK TO LIFE WITH URBAN ART

Theodore youth are set to stamp colour and life on the main ramp of the new skate park when they create a mural under the guidance of acclaimed Brisbane urban artist William Powell.

The free, hands-on art workshop will take place at the Skate Park’s grand opening on Monday July 7 (second week of school holidays) from 9.30am until 2.30pm. All young people are invited to attend the fully supervised event, which will also have a free BBQ lunch.

The street art workshop and mural will be completed alongside activities hosted by Red Frog Boardriders crew who will host skateboarding safety and master classes and have professional skaters perform demos.

The initiative has been funded and supported by local businesses and organisations including Banana Shire Council, Theodore Community Link, Anglicare Biloela and Theodore Chamber of Commerce.

Artist William Powell said it will be his first outback bush experience and he was looking forward to getting to know the local youth and their landscape and incorporating this into the artwork.

He is passionate about sharing his craft and hopes to inspire youth with the message that they can make a living and contribute positively to their community using creativity.